

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Leonard Guarente et al. Art Unit : 1645  
Serial No. : 09/461,580 Examiner : R. Zeman  
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Title : METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH ALTER HISTONE PROTEIN ACETYLATION, DECREASE AGING, INCREASE LIFESPAN

Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated November 15, 2005, be extended for three months to and including May 15, 2006.

Please apply the \$510 charge and any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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